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SUBJECT: BRIZOLA ARRIVES IN PORTUGAL

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SUMMARY: LEONEL BRIZOLA ARRIVED IN PORTUGAL JAN 22 FROM THE U.S. FOR A SHORT STAY BEFORE CONTINUING TRAVELS THROUGH EUROPE.

- 1. BRIZOLA ARRIVES: LEONEL BRIZOLA, EXILED EX-FEDERAL DEPUTY AND FORMER GOVERNOR OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL, ARRIVED IN LISBON FROM THE U.S. JAN 22. HE WAS MET BY SEVERAL PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BRAZILIAN FRIENDS INCLUDING MIGUEL ARRAES, EXILED FORMER GOVERNOR OF PERNAMBUCO. BRIZOLA SAID HE PLANNED TO THANK PRIME MINISTER MARIO SOARES PERSONALLY FOR HIS OFFER OF ASYLUM, AND THEN TO MEET WITH FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS.
- 2. BRIZOLA INDICATED HE WOULD REMAIN IN PORTUGAL ONLY
 FOR A SHORT TIME BEFORE CONTINUING HIS TRAVELS TO OTHER EUROPEAN
 COUNTRIES. HE CAREFULLY FINESSED PRESS QUESTIONS ON GOB
 POLICY, SAYING THAT HE NEEDED TIME TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE CURRENT

SITUATION IN BRAZIL. IN THIS RESPECT, HE ADDED, HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY BENEFICIAL. UNCLASSIFIED

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